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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 1-2

Part B for November 1920.

SUBJECT.

Pay & Status of the Inspector of Explosives & the
establishment & accommodation required for his office.

G. 9392-7 / G. 15-11-20

To the Director of Mines & Geology
The Chief Inspector of Mines
The Director, Dept of Geology
The Inspector of Mines
The Chief Engineer of Mines

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Geol)

NOTES.

File No. 34-20

FILE HEADING.

Pay & Status of the Inspector of Explosives & the establishment
and accommodation required for his office.

From

The Director of Mines & Geology

No. 254

Dated 26-8-20

Received 30-8-20

Diary No. 3314

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Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Recommends that the office of the Inspector of Explosives ^{may} ~~should~~ be detached
from that of the Geological Dept, that the clerical & manual establishment,
furniture & contingencies etc as requested by him may be sanctioned and that
a sum of Rs 150 may be granted to the latter as personal allowance

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Assistant Secretary, Minor Dept (Branch)

Please put up with references and a note early

(Sd) C.S.B.
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The Inspector of Explosives Requests

- (1) That separate accommodation may be given for his office;
- (2) (a) That the clerical & menial establishment and
(b) furniture & contingencies etc required may be ^{sanctioned;}
- (3) That he may be regarded as an independent head of a dept like that of the Geological or the Mining Dept with similar status & pay.

3. As regards the accommodation required for his office, the Inspector of Explosives states that he has no connection with the Geological Dept and ^{that} the existing arrangement for holding his office in the Geological Dept and utilising the services of clerical & menial establishment of that dept is not suitable. He may therefore be given accommodation elsewhere or permitted to hire a building on a rent of not exceeding Rs 75/- p.m.

When Mr V. G. Dani was appointed as Sub Assistant Geologist, the Director of Geology represented that as there was not sufficient accommodation in the Geological office, the Inspector of Explosives might be provided with accommodation elsewhere. In that connection it was proposed that the Inspector of Explosives might be asked to find other accommodation for his office at a cost of about Rs 25/- p.m. But soon after his appointment Mr. Dani resigned the appointment and it was ordered that the existing arrangement might

13. I think separate accommodation is very desirable & necessary.
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continue for the present.

5 Now four Geological Probationers are about to be appointed. They will have to be provided with accommodation in the Geological office. It must also be recommended that separate accommodation may be given to the Inspector of Explosives.

6 It is a matter for order whether any accommodation can be provided to the Inspector of Explosives in any of the Govt buildings or whether he may be asked to find other accommodation or payment of a rent.

7 With regard to the clerical & menial establishment required, the Inspector of Explosives requests that the following staff may be sanctioned

- 1 Clerk at Rs 60-5-80.
- 1 Clerk at Rs 30-4-50
- 1 Saffedar at Rs 12/-
- 2 peons at Rs 10/- each
- 4 peons at Rs 8/- each
- 2 Lascars at Rs 10/- each.

8 In connection with the proposals received for the re-organization of the clerical & menial establishments of the Dept of Mines & Geology, one clerk at Rs 30-4- had been proposed for extra work in the Explosives branch. Two clerks have been now proposed on the ground that one clerk will have to be taken by the Inspector while

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going on tour leaving Mr Mr to attend to the
work at Head Quarters. Mr Mr recommends
that 2 clerks as well as the daffadar & the peons
maybe sanctioned but there is no need for
sanction asked for.

At sum of Rs 400 for purchasing a
typewriting machine, Rs 300 for the purchase of
furniture and Rs 300 for contingencies have been
asked for & Mr Mr recommends that the same
may be sanctioned.

As regards the pay & status the subject
of Mr Mr states that by the re-organization
of the Dept of Mines & Geology in September 1919
increased responsibilities have been thrown on him
that the Inspectors of Explosives in British India
are very liberally paid and requests that he
may be regarded as the Head of a Dept like that
of the Geological or the Mining Dept with similar
status & pay

11 Mr Mr after discussing the question further
suggests that a personal allowance of Rs 150/- may
be given to Mr Mr and that he should have an
independent charge.

Submitted with available references

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Chief Secy.)

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Bangalore, 26th August 1920
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FROM

DR. W. F. SMEETH, M.A., D.Sc., B.E.; etc.

DIRECTOR OF MINES AND GEOLOGY IN MYSORE,

Section:

File No:

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C. S. Balasundram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,

Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,

B A N G A L O R E.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
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MINOR Depts:

30 AUG 1920

S i r,

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of letter No.1398 dated 25th June 1920 from the Offg. Chief Inspector of Mines together with the original note of the Inspector of Explosives.

I find a good deal of difficulty in expressing my opinion on the proposals contained in the Note. Provision for these small technical branches is always a difficult matter as a certain minimum staff is essential even though the branch be a small one.

I will endeavour to offer some suggestions on the various paras of Mr. Setlur's note.

Para 2 & 7. Mr. Setlur asks that his Office should be detached from that of the Geological Department and that he should have an independent charge.

With these proposals I fully concur. There is no accommodation for Mr. Setlur and his staff at Lambourne House. We have been crying out for accommodation for the staff of the Geological Department and have not obtained it and new men are now being entertained who will have no room for work.

To make some room for these people the Inspector of Explosives and his staff should be given accommodation elsewhere either in the Public Offices or temporarily in a small

small bungalow or portion of one.

The Inspector of Explosives has no connection with Geological work or Mines Inspection work and I have previously recommended that the Inspector of Explosives should be independent. He might come under the head of Miscellaneous Departments and correspond with Government through the Chief Secretary or the Secretary for Education and Agriculture.

Para 3. Some Clerical and Menial staff is necessary and the Geological staff is undermanned and cannot continue to look after Explosives work. The 2 Clerks asked for will be required and may be sanctioned as well as the Duffedar and 6 Peons. I do not think men can be obtained for less money.

The Inspector and his Assistant will have a good deal of touring work on inspection duty and it will be necessary for the Inspector to take a Clerk with him leaving one at Head Quarters. I do not think that 2 Lascars are really necessary as tents will not be required - or very rarely. Visits will be made chiefly to towns or large villages where accommodation can be found and some visits to Mines. As a rule the visit will not involve protracted stay in any one place.

Para 4. The Typewriter, Furniture and Contingencies may be sanctioned.

Para 5, 6 & 7. Mr. Setlur has been relieved from work connected with the Departments of Mines and Geology in order to devote his whole time to fuller and more regular inspection of Explosives, to the training of an Assistant and the organization of the storage and Inspection of Petroleums. If faithfully and energetically performed the work will keep the small staff very fully occupied and we may at length

length succeed in placing the Storage and manufacture of Explosives and the routine inspection of the same by the Magistracy and Police on a sounder and more satisfactory footing than has been hitherto reached.

I have no wish to minimize the work or responsibility which will devolve upon the Inspector of Explosives but a great deal of work, though very necessary, will be of a routine character involving the issue of licenses in carefully prescribed forms and the intelligent application and enforcement of carefully prepared detailed rules. There will be opportunities for technical advice or expression of opinion but such will not form the greater part of the work to be done. I do not think Mr. Setlur can be supported in claiming a responsibility and status comparable to that of the Heads of the Geological or Mines Department or of the Inspector of Explosives in British India through whom all explosives imported into the State come to us already certified and vouched for.

Para 8. The mere number quoted do not afford much information for comparisons. In Mysore by far the greater number of Licenses and Inspections are those issued or conducted by the Magistracy and Police whereas in British India, I believe I am right in saying that, the numbers quoted refer only to major magazines and inspections dealt with solely by the Inspector of Explosives.

Para 9. Mr. Setlur asks for some further consideration from Government on account of his seniority and the fact that some of his fellow officers have gone ahead of him.

I have no desire to stand in Mr. Setlur's way but I may point out that he has had equal opportunities with others of improving his position and convincing us of the

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the value of his services. Had his energies and abilities tended that way he might have been Director of one of the Departments instead of some one else. All cannot be Directors and all are not equal and I do not feel that Mr. Setlur has any sound grievance in the matter of his relative status however much personal disappointment he may feel.

The pay of the Inspector of Explosives stands at Rs.400--700 and I do not think it should be raised at present.

Mr. Setlur has, however, put in a long service and he has now to undertake the organization of inspection work under the Petroleum Act as well as putting the explosives work on a better footing. This will give him a good deal of work and worry which his successors will be saved and I suggest that Government might recognize this by giving Mr. Setlur a Personal Allowance of say Rs.150/-.

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient Servant,



Director of Mines and Geology.

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Letter No.1398 dated 25th June 1920 from the Ag. Chief
Inspector of Mines in Mysore, Oorgaum, to the Director of
Mines and Geology, Bangalore.

Adverting to instructions contained under heading
"A" of the Government Order No.G.7101--60/Geol.69-18-12
dated 18th September 1919, I have the honour to forward
herewith, in original, a note submitted by the Inspector
of Explosives in Mysore in regard to the requirements in
the Explosives Branch and to request that you will be so
good as to transmit the same to Government, with your
opinion thereon, for orders.

"C O P Y"



Director of Mines and Geology.

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Dated, Bangalore, 23rd Jan 1920.

From

A. T. Settlur, Esquire, L.C.E.,
Inspector of Explosives in Mysore

To

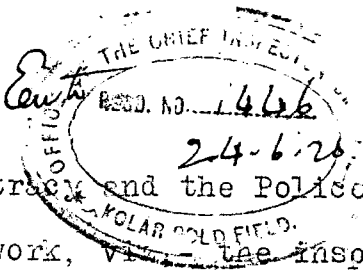
S. S. Sarasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

(Through the Chief Inspector of Mines in Mysore.)

Sir

I have the honor to submit, for favourable consideration and kind sanction of Government, the following proposals relating to the needs of the Explosives Branch of the Department of Mines and Explosives, in consequence of the re-organization sanctioned in Government Order No.G. 7041-7100/Geol. 69-18-11, dated 18th September 1919.

2. The aforesaid order places the Explosives Branch under the administrative control of the Chief Inspector of Mines in Mysore. By this arrangement I am altogether out of the pale of the Geological Department. The Director of Geology has, however, very kindly continued to accommodate me in his office "Lambourne House" and has allowed the use of his clerical and menial staff so far, for which I am very much indebted to him. But these temporary expedients are neither suitable nor convenient to the Director of Geology and myself. It is, therefore, desirable that suitable accommodation and necessary staff should be provided to me as early as possible. I, therefore, approach Government first to kindly provide separate accommodation for me on an early date. If there is going to be a delay in this matter I request permission to hire a bungalow in a suitable locality at a monthly rent not exceeding Rs. 75/-



local inspections by the Magistrate and the Police are also carried out." An additional work, viz., the inspection and licensing of Petroleum and petrol installations is also imposed. Further, Dr. W.F. Smeeth, who till now was administering and guiding the work of the various branches of the Department, has been placed on special duty; and the entire management and conduct of affairs in the Explosives Branch have now devolved upon me, without a corresponding increase in status and pay. It is true that I am to be given an Assistant and until he becomes fully posted with the technical and other details he will not be of much help. On the other hand, his training will involve additional work.

6. If the Government expect the exercise of better control over the District and Police Officers, it is incumbent that the Inspector of Explosives should be given a better status and position and that the Explosives Branch should be made independent of the administrative control of the Chief Inspector of Mines in Mysore and constituted into a separate Department.

7. Dr. Smeeth has often observed that the Explosives Branch has absolutely no connection with either the Geological or Mining Branch and I understand that he had even suggested to the Government that the Explosives Branch might be constituted a separate Department or reckoned as an adjunct to the General Secretariat. I, therefore request that the Inspector of Explosives may kindly be regarded as an independent head of a Department like that of the Geological or Mining Department of the State with similar status and pay.

8. The work of the Explosives Department is by no means of an ordinary or easy character and the following comparative statement showing the number of licenses issued, the number of magazines inspected, &c., by the Inspectors of Explosives in India and in Mysore, during 1918, will give a

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	India.	Mysore.	Remarks.
Number of licences.	193	*246 ...	In addition, there are D.P.M. magazines and Stores which are not licensed.
Number of magazines.	251	°300 ...	'Including premises licensed' by District Magistrates and subject to the inspection of Inspector of Explosives.
Number of inspections.	197	°400 ...	'Including the inspection by the Magistrate and Police.

Also, the amounts of explosives imported during 1918 into
 the State and whose safety and control devolved on the
 Inspector of Explosives are :-- High Explosives and Gunpowder
 3,4,176, Detonators 16,15,000, Percussion Caps 3,09,005, Fuses
 1,90,420 and large amount of fireworks. These are about one
 fourth the quantities imported to India.

9. The Inspectors of Explosives in India are very liberally paid and it is but fair that equal treatment should be meted out to similar officers in Mysore. The re-organization order referred to above, while it enhanced the pay and status of all the other officers in the Department, unfortunately left me (who was second to none in seniority or in rank) in the same menial position and I, therefore, once more humbly beg the Government to sympathetically consider my case and to kindly sanction the status and pay asked for in view of the higher responsibility and increase of work devolving on me.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Inspector of Explosives in Mysore.

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SUBJECT.....

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

Section Geol

File No. 35-20.

Serial No. 2

General and Revenue Secretariat

Proceedings of the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

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Date of issue.....

Read—

Lett no 254 dated 26th August,

1920 from the Director of Mines & Geology

Signed by.....

forwarding with opinion, for order of
Govt a note from the Inspector of Explosives

requesting that separate accommodation

may be given for his office; (2) that the

clerical & menial establishment and

furniture & contingencies etc required

may be sanctioned and (3) that he may

be given the status and pay of the head

of a department like that of the Geology

Order Thereon No.
or the Mining Dept.

Order no

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After a careful consideration of

the requests made by the Inspector of

Explosives Govt are pleased to direct

that the accommodation asked for

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- translated ?
- placed at the disposal of the press ?
- published in the Gazette,
Kannada Part ?

may be provided by the P. W. D. in any of the bungalows in Govt occupation. If no such accommodation can be found, the Inspector of Explosives may arrange to hold his office in any some private building or a rent not exceeding Rs 50/- p.m.

13/14,
Paras 22 & 23

Govt do not consider that there is ~~any~~ need for sanctioning ~~the~~ establishment to the extent proposed. They are however pleased to sanction the appointment of a clerk, at Rs 30-4-50, [one daffadar on Rs 12/- and three peons on Rs 9/- each p.m.

The Inspector of Explosive has sought sanction for the following Clerical & menial establishment for his office:-

1 clerk on Rs. 60-5-80
1 " " 30-4-50
1 Daffadar on Rs 12
2 Peons on Rs 10 each.
15 " " at Rs. 8 each.
& 2 lascars on Rs. 10 "

Paras

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It is sum of Rs 400/- for purchasing a typewriting machine, Rs 300/- for the purchase of furniture and Rs 300/- for contingencies as proposed are also sanctioned.

The Director of ~~Mines & Geology~~ & the ~~Inspector of Mines~~ are requested to point out to the Comptroller the source from which the extra cost involved may be met.

Govt. are not in favour of granting ~~separate~~ the request of the Inspector of Explosives ~~that he may be given the~~ status & pay of the head of a Dept like that of the Geological or the Mining Dept or ~~the recommendation of Dr. Smith~~

~~the grant of~~ a personal allowance of Rs 150/- p.m. to him. Paras 17 & 21

~~as recommended by Dr. Smith, Govt do not consider that any case has been made out for such a grant.~~

List of enclosures.

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Dec 3 11/10/20
For Chief Secretary to Govt

To The Director of Mines & Geology
The Chief Inspector of Mines in Mysore
The Director, Dept of Geology
The Comptroller to Govt - also the Financial Secretary
[The Chief Engineer of Mysore]

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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.

Agenda:-

Letter No. 56 dated 20th August 1920 from the Director of
Mines and Geology for asking His Highness's opinion, for orders of
Government & note from the Inspector of Explosives requesting
that suitable accommodation may be given for his office;
(1) that the clerical and menial establishment and furniture
and contingencies etc., required may be sanctioned and (2) that
he may be given the status and pay of the head of the present
division of the Geological or ^{as} Mining Department.

No. G 9894-7/9-20

Dated, Bangalore, 20th November 1920.

After a careful consideration of the requests made by the
Director of Explosives, Government are pleased to direct
that the accommodation asked for may be provided ^{by the Public Works Dept.} in all of the
hospitals and Government occupation. If no such accommodation
can be found, the Inspector of Explosives may arrange to hold
his office in some private building on a rent not
exceeding Rs. 50/- per annum.

The Inspector of Explosives has sought sanction for the
following clerical and menial establishment for his office:-

1 Clerk on ..	Rs. 60-5-00
1 Clerk on ..	Rs. 4-50
1 Saffier on ..	Rs. 10/-
2 Messengers on Rs. 10/- each	
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2 Saffiers on Rs. 10/- each.	

Government do not consider that there is need for more than
one Assistant to the extent proposed. They are however agree-
ed to sanction the appointment of 1 clerk on Rs. 60-4-00, one
Saffier on Rs. 2/- and 2 messengers on Rs. 5/- each per annum.

3. Amount of Rs. 400/- for purchasing a typewriting machine, Rs. 200/- for the purchase of furniture and Rs. 300/- for contingencies as proposed are also sanctioned.

4. The Director of Geology and the Chief Inspector of Mines are requested to point out to the Comptroller in a note from which the extra cost involved may be met.

5. Government are not in favour of awarding the request of the Inspector of Geologists for being given the status and pay of the head of a Department like that of the Geological or the Mining Department or a personal allowance of Rs. 150/- ---
in accordance to him

S. Subbarayappa

for Chief Secretary to Government.

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The Director of Mines and Geology.

The Chief Inspector of Mines in Mysore.

The Director, Department of Geology.

The Comptroller to Government through the Financial Secretary

The Chief Engineer of Mysore.